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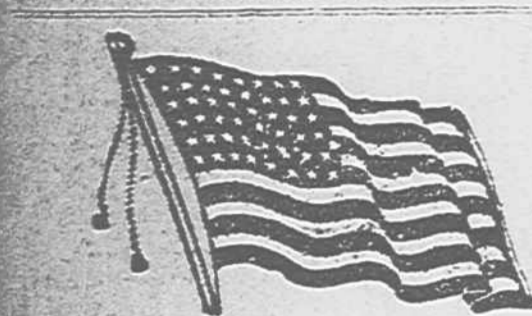
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## PROPOSED INCREASE IN GAS RATES.

IN asking for permission to make another increase in what  
is called the industrial rate for gas the Gas department  
of the Monongahela Valley Traction company is dealing  
with business men and they are not likely to enter ob-  
jection to the proposed increase if they are satisfied that the  
company is justified by actual conditions in asking for it.  
It has occurred to The West Virginian, therefore, as it  
doubtless has occurred to many others, especially to the  
business men who are directly interested, that the Traction  
company would strengthen the force of its appeal if it were  
frank.

Attention has been called by the company to the mount-  
ing cost of most of the things that go into the maintenance  
of a gas service, but that is not the real test. All businesses  
for some time have been having trouble with soaring costs.  
And where businesses have been running on narrow mar-  
gins this one thing is enough to convert a net profit into a  
net loss. But there has been an impression, not unusual  
in view of the financial statements which the Monongahela  
Valley Traction company has been issuing for the past  
year or eighteen months, that the revenues of the company  
are large enough to stand considerable increase in expendi-  
ture items and still leave a net profit applicable to divi-  
dends which would be regarded as very generous by most  
corporations.

The statements reflect the condition of the corpora-  
tion as a whole, its street car operations, its commercial  
electric business and its municipal lighting. Also the opera-  
tions of the mine at Baxter as well as of the various  
phases of the gas business. Some of these are more profit-  
able than others, of course. Some of them right now may  
actually be operating at a loss. But if that is so and the  
company wants to ask for permission to raise rates it ought  
to support the application with a financial statement which  
will at least quiet the suspicion that the company is trying  
to maintain a profit margin that is not justified by good cor-  
poration practice in a community where it is the first duty  
of the public service companies to foster industry instead  
of to milk it.

The West Virginian does not believe the Monongahela  
Valley Traction company would do anything good business  
and good neighboring would not sanction, but it does  
believe it should take the public fully into its confidence  
in a matter like this and publish a statement of the Gas  
department's condition.

## THE SHEEP BUSINESS.

WITH wool selling around 75 cents and mutton  
from 15 to 20 cents per pound, the sheep busi-  
ness looks attractive. Thus reads a striking  
sentence from the first paragraph of the circular announc-  
ing the annual meeting of the Tri-State Sheep Breeders  
and Wool Growers association which will be held at the  
McClure house in Wheeling Thursday and Friday of this  
week.

The sheep business certainly does look attractive, as this  
newspaper has taken occasion to point out a number of  
times in the past two years. But it is just like any other  
business requiring capital, hard work and brains to insure  
success—and that means pretty nearly every respectable  
business—the greater the possibilities of making money  
when the conditions are right the more money one can  
lose when they are wrong.

Therefore if you are in the sheep business, or are think-  
ing of going into it, go to this meeting in Wheeling and  
find out what the experts have to say about it. There was

## RUFF STUFF

Man look out a license the other day  
to run a spaghetti house.

That's our idea of a light business.

Two days a week the place will have  
a real elephant foot, or rhinoceros  
tail or catfish and tried potatoes or  
close up.

Kaiser Bill who has been quiet of  
late.

Has broken out again.

Yesterday he said there could be no  
peace until her enemies recognize Ger-  
many has been victorious.

Goodnight, Peace!

But come to think of it the war has  
RUFF STUFF. . . . .  
got to the point where Bill is no more  
important than is his cousin, Kink  
George.

Kink George, if your recollection is

a bit hazy this evening, is the Cam-  
ouflage at the head of the British politi-  
cal system.

Lamp in the Astonisher that the  
cops made a "raid" on a Washington  
street place last night but failed to  
find any gamblers.

Too far down the hill, Fred.

Some of the better known places  
where the rent is higher are still do-  
ing business.

"Russian army ordered home."—  
Headline.

Goah, that is real news.

Didn't know there was any army to  
order home.

The really interesting movement on  
that east front will come when the  
remaining Teuts get orders to go over  
to the west.

There won't be much joy in that.

Just be like getting told to help a  
loafer who was back with his work  
after you have cleaned up your share

a time when farmers and stock raisers believed that the  
only way they could argue against was through experi-  
ence. They know better now, at least the intelligent ones  
do.

That explains why the attendance at such meetings as  
this annual convention of the Tri-State Sheep Breeders  
has increased rapidly in recent years until in the more ad-  
vanced agricultural states in the west a farm convention  
of any kind will draw a bigger and better crowd than the  
political conventions did back in the days before state wide  
primary acts swept such gatherings into the discard.

## WILSON'S LATEST PEACE GESTURE.

WASHINGTON, correspondents are of the opinion  
that President Wilson's speech of yesterday gave  
more general satisfaction than any of his previous  
deliverances that have had a bearing upon peace prospects.

Also there is a bare possibility that it will be more pro-  
ductive of immediate results. When the Teutonic states-  
men made their deliverance the other day, the one in Ber-  
lin breathing the spirit of Junkerism and Pan-Germanism,  
and the one in Vienna voiced conciliation, writers who  
have spent much time studying the political situation in  
Europe ventured the guess—they frankly admitted that it  
was nothing more substantial than a guess—that the Berlin  
orator was talking for home consumption in the hope that  
he could hold the people together for a few months more  
by putting up a bold front, while the Vienna orator was  
talking for the world at large, and all who really under-  
stand conditions were praying that the world would pay  
attention to the Vienna one and ignore the Berlin one.

President Wilson's pointed references to Count Czernin's  
pronouncement may indicate that he also holds these views  
and has determined to give Austria an opening so large  
that neither her own statesmen nor the statesmen of the  
German empire can afford to ignore it if they really want  
peace. Well, we shall see what we shall see.

## PRACTICAL PATRIOTISM.

IN turning over their houses today to the Marion county  
Salvation army War Work movement the theatre man-  
agers of Fairmont are giving the people of the city a  
display of patriotism and community spirit that is praise-  
worthy indeed.

To open up the houses, secure attractions at very short  
notice, and do the hundred and one other things that are  
always necessary when plans are suddenly changed, in-  
volved no small sacrifice in time, labor and real money  
upon the part of the managers and their employees. Yet  
in every case it was done with the utmost cheerfulness.  
The managers one and all wanted to do something for this  
laudable cause and they wanted to do it with their whole  
hearts.

It is now up to the public. If this newspaper could  
have its way about it the theatres would be jammed all  
day today by people who had made up their minds to  
make this an extra trip to their favorite amusement place.  
In other words, we would like to see the theatres crowded  
with holiday crowds without the regular business of the  
houses for the week being reduced by a single admission.  
Go to a theatre tonight and take the whole family, but do  
not let the trip interfere with any other amusement plans  
for the week you may already have had in mind.

The dispatches do not say so, but it is a fair inference  
that Abdul Hamid, for thirty years until 1909 Sultan  
of the Ottoman empire and commander of the faithful  
Muslims, who succumbed Sunday to inflammation of  
the lungs, died peacefully in a bed. The manner of his  
going must have been a surprise to him, and a pleasant  
one at that, in spite of the abject fear in which he re-  
garded death. All his life this survival of the political  
dark ages believed his going would be a violent one, and  
those who got close enough to him to make a study of  
his character were of the opinion that this fear shaped  
his whole life. Well, dying naturally is a rare enough  
thing for a prince of the house of Osman. Up to the  
time Abdul Hamid came to the throne a change in rulers  
was usually attended by a general butchering of all  
the new Sultan's near male relatives. It was the rule,  
and as far as the Christian world has ever been able to  
find out there was no very serious objection to it, ex-  
cept possibly upon the part of the princes who were the  
victims—and they did not count.

Russia has given up pretending to keep faith with  
her allies. Now if the war comes to a close this year  
Russia and the Central powers will starve together for  
a while. If it draws out for a long time there is a pos-  
sibility that republican Russia will be drawn into it on  
the side of the Teutons. If that happens it will not be  
the first time Russia changed sides in the midst of a  
war. During the Napoleonic wars Czar Alexander I  
and the Corsican first divided the world between them  
and then fought over the bargain. That clash ruined  
Napoleon and made of Russia a great power. If Russia  
during the course of this war were to turn upon her  
former allies it will be Russia that will be ruined and  
Germany and Japan, two powers that were unheard of  
in 1812, will be the principal beneficiaries.

Director General McAduff has taken over the car ser-  
vice commission of the American Railway association  
and created a car service section of the railroad admin-  
istration's division of transportation. No action since  
the railroads were taken over by the government has  
carried a larger amount of interest for this particular  
section of the country. Indications are that the officials  
of the Central West Virginia Coal Operators' associa-  
tion and W. C. Kendall, manager of the car service sec-  
tion will be well acquainted before very long.

Lack of coordination in the government is reported  
to have brought about a state of chaos in Spain. Is this  
thing catching, or is it largely psychological?

nicely and expected a pat on the back  
and a vacation.

Now that nature has done about all  
it can it might not be a bad plan for  
the city to do a little cleaning on the  
streets.

They present anything but a lovely  
appearance right now.

Only one more day to kick into that  
Salvation army-Boy scout fund.

If you haven't been asked better  
hustle around and get down a little  
contribution on your own hook.

Hall-Snyder.

The marriage of Miss Laetazelle  
Snyder, daughter of Mrs. Snyder, mat-  
ron at the Norma school dormitory,  
and Glen Hall of this city was solemn-  
ized last night at nine o'clock at the  
residence of the officiating minister,  
Rev. C. E. Goodwin, on Fairmont  
avenue. Mr. Hall has enlisted in the  
government service and will report  
for duty in the near future.

Mrs. R. B. Isner and Walter Poston,  
of Elkins, were recent visitors in the  
city being en route to Morgantown to  
attend the funeral of a relative.

## OUTBURSTS OF EREERY RUE

(BY CONDO)



## WASHINGTON NEWS GOSSIP

By CHARLES BROOKS SMITH.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—  
"Whoever wins or accepts the Repub-  
lican nomination for United States  
Senator this year, however, will fall  
heir to an onerous, and, in many of  
its phases, an unpleasant task."

William F. Hite, of Huntington.  
This is an excerpt from a letter  
written by Mr. Hite, prominent in  
political discussion now as a prospec-  
tive candidate for the senatorial nom-  
ination, to Tracy L. Jeffords, who re-  
sides at Harper's Ferry and practices  
law in this city, and who for many  
years has been an active and influ-  
ential force in Republican party  
affairs in the Second Congressional  
district. The letter from Mr. Hite is  
interesting in indicating how he  
views the question of his probable  
 candidacy, and was sent in reply to a  
friendly letter of inquiry by Mr. Jeff-  
ords.

"As for the subject mentioned,"  
writes Mr. Hite, "I feel that it is too  
grave both in its relation to the man  
and the party to be lightly settled. It  
has been my opinion for months—  
and as yet I have had no occasion to  
change that opinion—that the ques-  
tion of selecting Republican candi-  
dates for United States Senator ought  
to be settled without an intra-party  
contest. I have had numerous letters  
and personal appeals bearing upon  
this matter, and this invariably has  
been my reply.

"At present I can hardly imagine  
a condition that would lead me to  
enter into a contest with other fit and  
deserving Republicans for this honor.  
I feel that there are a few men in  
the Republican party in West Vir-  
ginia, who could afford, if the nomi-  
nation were given them, to assume the  
labor and responsibilities which would  
go with it. Whoever wins or accepts  
the Republican nomination for United  
States Senator this year, however,  
will fall heir to an onerous, and, in  
many of its phases, an unpleasant  
task.

"Still, there is a principle involved  
which overrules all other considera-  
tions. The Republican organization  
in West Virginia must not only not  
be permitted to die, but now more  
than ever, must be made alive and  
efficient. There is, happily, in this  
hour of our country's distress, every  
reason why a Republican candidate for  
any office may go forward proudly  
and unhesitatingly in presenting the  
claims of his party. The record for  
loyalty made by our party members  
in Congress is such as will bear profit-  
ably every measure of scrutiny and  
comparison.

"We have grown in  
strength and credit by reason of our  
stand in the face of difficulties and  
embarrassments. Our present is as  
praiseworthy as our past is remark-  
able for constructive achievements.  
Nevertheless, there are other factors,  
the nature of which I should be  
pleased to discuss with you at any  
convenient date, with which we must  
reckon, and these factors, to say the  
least here and now, will conspire to  
make the way to victory one fraught  
with many difficulties.

"Having thus briefly outlined the  
situation as I view it, I can hardly  
say more at this time than that if it  
should be found that the consensus  
of sentiment among representative  
Republicans throughout the state in-  
dicates a preference for my services  
in this important duty, I could do no  
less than give the subject my most  
earnest and grateful consideration."

Virell L. Highland, Republican  
National Committeeman from West  
Virginia and talked of as a probable  
candidate for the senatorial nomi-  
nation, is now in St. Louis, according  
to a telegram received here today. He  
is there to attend the meeting of the  
National Committee, which is to be  
held commencing Tuesday, and  
which is attracting the attentive in-  
terest of politicians at this political  
center and throughout the country. A  
new chairman is to be elected to suc-  
ceed Chairman Wilcox, whose resig-  
nation will be accepted, and that

transaction may be attended with  
difficulties. Republican leaders of  
national influence are hoping that it  
will go to show that the old hard  
feeling between "progressives" and  
"standpaters" has died out, and they  
have been tending all their talents to  
the end that this hope may be realiz-  
ed. To effect it was one of the prin-  
cipal objects of the many conferences  
held with Col. Roosevelt upon the oc-  
casion of his recent visit in Washing-  
ton.

The most pronounced opinion ex-  
pressed here as to who Chairman  
Wilcox's successor will be is that  
John T. Adams, of Iowa, will be that  
man, and that Fred W. Upham, of  
Chicago, at present assistant treasur-  
er, will be chosen as treasurer of the  
committee to succeed Cornelius  
N. Bliss, Jr., of New York, who has  
tendered his resignation. Should this  
prediction be fulfilled, the West will  
predominate in the official personnel.  
Mr. Highland, before starting for St.  
Louis, announced to colleagues that  
he expected to support Mr. Adams  
candidate, unless there would be  
some good reasons for not doing so  
develop after he arrived at the meet-  
ing.

In addition to the election of new  
executive officers, the meeting is ex-  
pected to formulate new plans or  
organization and for the conduct of fu-  
ture campaigns. There are the wo-  
men voters of the country to be seri-  
ously considered, and a scheme for  
their organization will be worked out  
and they will be recognized in win-  
ning plan of party movement in the  
end adopted. The Democratic Na-  
tional Committee and its numerous  
subsidiaries and adjuncts, all of  
which have been kept going full blast  
in Washington form the time that  
their party assumed the control of  
the government, have already adopt-  
ed their plan to line up as many of  
the woman voters as possible in their  
party, hoping that in the future they  
may be as successful as they were in  
the last campaign in gaining the in-  
fluence and support of the women.  
The very best they can hope for is

## IN FIVE MINUTES NO SICK STOMACH INDIGESTION, GAS

"PAPE'S DIAPEPSIN" IS THE  
QUICKEST AND SUREST  
STOMACH RELIEF.

You don't know what upset your  
stomach—which portion of the food  
did the damage—do you? Well don't  
bother. If your stomach is in a re-  
volt; if sick, gassy and upset, and  
what you just ate has fermented and  
turned sour; head dizzy and aches;  
belch gases and acids and eructate un-  
digested food; breath foul, tongue  
coated—just take a little Pape's Dia-  
pepsin to neutralize acidity and in  
five minutes you wonder what became  
of the indigestion and distress.

Millions of men and women today  
know that it is needless to have dys-  
pepsia. A little Diapepsin occasion-  
ally keeps the stomach sweetened, and  
they eat their favorite foods without  
fear.

If your stomach doesn't take care  
of your liver limit without rebellion;  
if your food is a damage instead of a  
help, remember the quickest, surest,  
most harmless antacid is Pape's Dia-  
pepsin which costs only fifty cents for  
a large case at drug stores. It's truly  
wonderful—it stops food souring and  
sets things straight, so gently and  
easily that it is really astonishing.  
Your stomach will digest your meals  
if you keep acids neutralized.

to find another slogan which will ap-  
peal to the common temperament and  
general want of understanding of  
campaign deceptions as the victi-  
mous "He-kept-us-out-of-war" vote-  
catching battle cry. Their "zone"  
scheme for campaign management,  
recently adopted, will also be care-  
fully scrutinized by the Republican com-  
mittee. If it is thought a good thing  
it may be followed, and, if possible,  
improved on. This plan divided the  
country into districts or "zones" with  
a chairman at the head who has full  
authority to run the campaign and is  
held responsible for the outcome in  
the district over which he presides.

These are just a few of the matters  
of party business that are to come  
before the committee. There are a  
host of other things, and, if the job  
that is confronting this meeting is  
completed, it is liable to last to the  
end of the week.

The following special pension bills  
favoring West Virginians have passed  
the lower house of Congress:

By Mr. Bowers: Bills granting  
pensions of \$40 a month to Andrew  
M. Graham, of Martinsburg, and \$12  
a month to Malvern E. Rogers, of  
Harper's Ferry.

By Mr. Woodard: To John L.  
Mills, of Williamstown, \$50 a month;  
to Joseph C. Gluck, of Parkersburg,  
\$35 a month.

By Mr. Neely: To Mathias Ken-  
nedy, Benwood, \$12 a month; George  
A. Porter, Wheeling, \$24; Jesse R.  
Mercer, Wheeling, \$26; George Bow-  
ery, Proctor, \$30, and Jacob W.  
Burge, of Wheeling, \$30.

A letter from John J. Campeau, of  
New York, president of the United  
Association of Postoffice Clerks, has  
been received by Congressman Wood-  
ward thanking him for the work he  
did in committee to report a highly  
satisfactory bill providing for a gen-  
eral raise in wages for all employees  
in the postal service. It goes without  
saying that the Fourth district rep-  
resentative appreciates this letter, for  
he did hard and valuable work on the  
bill when it was in process of com-  
pilation in the Committee on Post-  
offices and Post Roads, of which he  
is a member.

An invitation from the Huntington  
Board of Trade to pay it a visit and  
make an address on the 28th inst.  
has been received and accepted by  
Congressman Neely.

## Monongalia Musings

\*\*\*Once again the birthday of Lin-  
coln arrives and once again let us re-  
vive the impressions he made on other  
minds. President Wilson has ex-  
pressed himself in this manner: "He would  
be a rash man who should say he under-  
stood Abraham Lincoln. No doubt na-  
tures deep as his, and various almost  
to the point of self-contradiction, can  
be sounded only by the judgment of  
men of a like sort—if any such there  
be. But some things we all may see  
and judge concerning him. You have  
in him the type and flower of our  
growth. It is as if nature had made a  
typical American, and then added with  
liberal hand the royal quality of gen-  
ius, to show us what the type could  
be. He who had been so rough-cut a  
provincial became when grown to man-  
hood, the one leader in all the nation  
who held the whole people singly in  
his heart—held even the Southern peo-  
ple there, and would have won them  
back. Jackson could understand only  
men of his own kind; Lincoln could  
understand men of all sorts and from  
every region."

Philips Brooks expressed himself  
as follows: "He fed us with counsel  
when we were in doubt, with inspira-  
tion when we sometimes faltered, with

## HUNDRED PER CENT IMPROVEMENT IN SHORT TIME

Tanlac Quickly Benefits After Other  
Treatments Fail.

Clifton Forge, Va.—L. E. Brown,  
well known in theatrical circles in this  
city, said recently:

"I had suffered a long time from  
acute indigestion. Gas would form  
in my stomach and I had nervous  
spells. I did not sleep well at night,  
and every three or four weeks I would  
get faint and sick.

"Several doctors treated me, but did  
me no good, and I kept getting worse.  
My appetite was gone, and I could not  
digest the little food I did eat. I was  
losing weight and felt very miserable.

"I read an advertisement of Tan-  
lac," continued Mr. Brown, "and I de-  
cided to give it a trial. After a few  
doses I commenced to feel better, and  
now after a few bottles I am glad to  
say that I feel a hundred per cent bet-  
ter. My indigestion is gone, and my  
nervous and faintish spells have left  
me. My appetite has returned, and  
I can digest anything I eat.

"I heartily recommend Tanlac as a  
great medicine, and I feel sure that  
other sufferers would also be greatly  
benefited if they would take it.

"I would willingly give twice the  
price for Tanlac if it were necessary."  
The genuine Tanlac is sold in Fair-  
mont by Crane's Drug Store, and also  
by the following agents in nearby  
towns: W. P. Morgan, Farmington,  
and H. J. Matthews & Co., Mannings-  
ton.

## IT IS THE CONSTANT WATCHFULNESS

of our officers and employees to see that every  
patron receives proper attention that makes the  
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when he would be rebuffed, with  
calm, clear, trusted cheerfulness  
through many an hour when our hearts  
were dark. He fed hungry souls all  
over the country with sympathy and  
consolation. He fed us with solemn,  
solid truths."

Henry W. Grady, one who thrilled  
many a Northern heart although he  
of Georgia, spoke of Lincoln as, "the  
who stands as the first typical Ameri-  
can, the first who comprehended with  
himself, all the strength and gentle-  
ness, all the majesty and grace of this  
Republic. In his homely form were  
first gathered the vast and thrilling  
forces of his ideal government."

Lincoln once described himself as  
follows: "I am six feet four inches in  
height; lean in flesh, weighing on an  
average one hundred and eighty  
pounds; dark complexion, with coarse  
black hair and gray eyes. No other  
marks or brands recollected."

Writing, in 1859, to one who had  
asked him for some biographical par-  
ticulars, Lincoln said: "My mother  
died in my tenth year. My paternal  
grandfather, Abraham Lincoln came  
from Virginia to Kentucky about 1783  
or 1785, where he killed a year or two  
later, by the Indians, by stealth,  
when he was laboring to open a farm  
in the forest. My father, Thomas Lin-  
coln, at the death of his father was  
but six years of age. He was a war-  
dering laboring boy and grew up with-  
out education. He never did more in  
the way of writing than bunglingly to  
write his own name. Of course when  
I became of age I did not know much.  
Still, however, I could read and write  
and cipher to the rule of three. But  
that was all. I was raised to farm  
work. At twenty-one I came to Illinois.  
I ran for the Legislature in 1832 and  
was beaten, the only time I have ever  
been beaten by the people. The next  
and succeeding three biennial elec-  
tions, I was elected to the Legislature."  
S. C. MUSGRAVE.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### LECTURE ON HOG CHOLERA.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Feb. 11, R. F.  
D. No. 2, Box 59.—(Editor The West  
Virginian.)—Dear Sir: Having been  
called to see sick hogs and finding a  
large per cent dead or dying with hog  
cholera, I take this means to warn the  
hog owners about hog cholera. Do not  
let your hog get sick and then call  
your veterinarian but call him before  
and have him vaccinate them with the  
double or simultaneous method. Do  
not let any man tell you that a single  
method will prevent hog cholera for it  
will not. We have hog cholera in Paw  
Paw district and it is going to spread  
if you do not vaccinate your hogs and  
by the double method. If you use sin-  
gle method you are throwing your  
money away and will lose your hogs  
in case of an epidemic of cholera. Dr.  
H. H. Fairbanks, U. S. Department of  
Agriculture, will lecture at Ballah  
chapel church, Fairview car line, Fri-  
day evening, February 15. Subject,  
Hog Cholera. Every man that owns a  
hog should hear him. Lecture will be  
illustrated by moving pictures.  
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